

Contributions

PULPIT ECHOES

For We Are the Temple of the Living God

How great a truth, we the temple of God. The Father and the Son have their abode in the lives of men, thru the Spirit. The important question is, What kind of people ought we to be? What care in the construction of our character since the Lord would dwell in us!

"Build the more stately mansion, O my soul,
While the swift seasons roll.
Let each new temple more noble than the last
Shut the firm heaven with a dome more vast."

We ought strive to develop true manhood, Christian manhood. Man whose destiny is such a tremendous issue should be sure his character is built of such material as will stand the test in the great day of God. If men could but realize the vastly important part they may play in the drama of the universe they would take more heed as to what manner of persons they ought to be. The material for God's temple ought come from above, all under the sun vanisheth. At best we can only hope to be poor copies of the heavenly Original—even Christ.

W. A. WELTY.

The Excellency of the Knowledge of Christ

Phil. 3:8

Knowledge is said to be power. That however is only true when it is active. The excellency Paul found in his knowledge of Christ indicates that it was more than a mere historic knowledge. Historic knowledge is profitable so far as it goes, but does not of necessity bring such excellency as Paul experienced. Learned infidels often possess as great historic knowledge of Christ as do our most eminent D. D's. It could not have been a mere theoretic knowledge because that usually tends to strife and division. It must have been an experimental knowledge brought about by that close unity and dear relationship that exists between Christ and his consecrated followers. Such knowledge *will* bring the excellency of peace, joy, hope and glory, and cause sacrifice and suffering for Christ's sake to become a delightful pleasure. It *did* have the effect upon Christian martyrs in every age of Christendom. It *will* produce the effect today.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

Lawfulness or Lawlessness

The greatest question in the minds of the people who were present at the circumcision of John the Baptist was, "What manner of child shall this be?" It is a question of wonderful import today. There are three divinely appointed organizations which are especially designed to solve the question by contributing to the child's character such elements as will qualify it for an honorable and glorious destiny. The organizations are these: 1. The home. 2. The church. 3.

The state. I appeal to you as parents and as Christians and as citizens to think on these things and ascertain whether the influences from the three sources conduce to lawfulness and obedience or lawlessness and disobedience. Which?

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Acquaintance With God—Job 22:21

The following is the first sub division under the second division of the text.

Acquaintance with God enlarges our minds. It increases our intellectual powers and develops the faculties of mind with which God has endowed us. It has been said that the highest conception of the human intellect is the idea of God. This expanded induces great faith, and, as an anchor, stays us from drifting into infidelity and unbelief. As we consider atheism we cannot feel astonished at the views it assumes of God, of nature and the world; and I am firm in my belief that no atheist ever possessed a mighty mind. Associations lend their shades to character. The more frequently we come in contact with well trained and mighty minds the more like those minds we become, and in our schools and colleges the student, by association, partakes in a great measure of the mind of the professor. How then must it be with the individual who is day by day in close communion with God. Acquaintance with God *does* expand and develop mind. "*Acquaint now thyself with him and be at peace thereby good shall come unto thee.*"

J. C. MACKEY.

HISTORY OF THE TUNKERS AND THE BRETHREN CHURCH

J. W. BEER

This history is known as *Holsinger's History*, because Eld. H. R. Holsinger is its author. It is well known that, for a long time, he has been engaged in this work. He produced this valuable book because he felt its great importance, and because many others felt that we should have such a history and we believed that Brother Holsinger was the proper person to prepare it.

This "History of the Tunkers and the Brethren Church" is all that the title signifies. It is just what we wanted and need, and is calculated to accomplish a great deal of good if it is properly appreciated and used. It contains 826 pages, "embracing the church of the Brethren, the Tunkers, the Seventh Day German Baptist Church, the German Baptist Church, the Old German Baptists, and the Brethren Church." It includes their origin, doctrine, biography and literature, and it is extensively and appropriately illustrated. In this way it both tells what we like to learn and shows what we are pleased to see.

Now as our dear brother devoted much time, labor and expense to this important work, it is our duty, and we should esteem it a privilege to become co-workers with him. This we can do in several ways. Every member of the Brethren church should

have one of these books. This we should have for our own advantage and benefit; and not only so, but in this way we can do much good to and among others. Then we should make a faithful effort to have as many of our friends and neighbors as possible, who are not members, to become owners of the book. If every minister and officer in the Brethren church, and every subscriber and reader of the EVANGELIST were to make a diligent effort for a week or month to get as many as possible to purchase the book, a remarkable, wonderful, glorious work would be accomplished. It is impossible to estimate what an amount of good would result from such an endeavor.

By way of conclusion, for the present, I will call attention to the fact that Brother Holsinger is getting up in years and is much afflicted and quite feeble. Let us all think of him, pray earnestly for him, and then act in accordance with our desires and prayers and do all we can to relieve, repay and remunerate him and thus add to his happiness and welfare.

Lathrop, Cal.

SOME OF THE METHODS OF WORK PRACTICED DURING THE ASHLAND REVIVAL

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Mentions of the Ashland City revival conducted by Rev. C. F. Yoder in the College Chapel have been made by both Brother Gnagey, editorially and by Brother Miller, the Pastor. Perhaps enough has been said, but my reasons for speaking of it now are two fold: First, the church at this place is composed largely of individuals who represent many congregations and therefore many eyes are turned upon the work here. Secondly, we have many ministers who could do much more effective work for Christ, in winning souls, if they only had an insight into some practical methods other than they now have. It is especially with a hope of interesting and helping these men that concern me most.

About two or three weeks before the meetings opened, Brother Yoder sent an outline of his plan of campaign to the pastor here. After familiarizing himself with these plans, the pastor called for volunteers who were willing to engage active and personally in the work previous and during the revival. Quite a number responded to the call. These were each given a tract on conversion by J. Wilbur Chapman, for study. They were also given a card that contained "Win One" in large letters. Then too each one was supplied with a folder called a "Prayer Roll." Each one was to write the names of those therein that he was especially anxious to see saved or led into a more consecrated life. Then all were to pray earnestly for those. Books and pamphlets on methods of personal work were distributed and studied. After being carefully instructed these people visited nearly every home in the city and informed them of the coming meeting, and gave them a hearty invitation to come. A